page 10, line 12, delete "Data base" and substitute therefor --Database--;
page 10, line 13, both instances, delete "data base" and substitute therefor -database--;
page 10, line 16, delete "data base" and substitute therefor --database--;
page 12, line 6, after "104", insert --,--;
page 12, line 6, delete "data base" and substitute therefor --database--;
page 12, line 21, after "permanently", insert --,--;
page 12, line 25, after "Next", insert --,--;
page 12, line 25, delete "block123" and substitute therefor --block 123,--;
page 12, line 27, delete "data bases" and substitute therefor --databases--;
page 13, line 8, delete "block153" and substitute therefor --block 153--;
page 13, line 9, delete "54converts" and substitute therefor --54 converts--;
page 13, line 17, after "recipient", insert --'s--;

## In the claims:

1. (Amended) A method for forwarding mail that is addressed to a recipient and a virtual post office box to be delivered directly to a recipient, said method comprises the steps of:

receiving recipient's name and information regarding recipient's desired delivery address;

assigning a virtual post office box for individual recipients;

relating recipient's virtual post office box with recipient's desired delivery address;

delivering information to recipient's that represents their assigned virtual post office boxes;

placing information that represents virtual post office boxes on mail;

reading information on mail to capture virtual post office box information, when present;

determining recipient's desired delivery address from virtual post office box information and recipient's name; and

delivering mail to recipient's desired delivery address.

- 2. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of: placing recipient's desired delivery address on mail.
- 3. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 2, wherein recipient 's desired delivery address is placed on mail in coded form.
- 4. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 2, wherein recipient 's desired delivery address is placed on mail in human readable form.
- 5. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 2, wherein recipient s desired delivery address is placed on mail in coded form and human readable form.
- 7. (Amended) The method claimed in claim [2] 6, wherein in the changing step: recipient specifies the time period in which mail is going to be delivered to the changed delivery address.
- 8<sub>.</sub> (Amended) The method claimed in claim [2] <u>6</u>, further including the step of: billing for the number of times recipient's changed their desired delivery address.
- 12. (Amended) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the steps of: assigning access codes to recipients that are related to recipient's virtual post office box;

delivering access codes to recipients;

